

■ HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Challenge to State Housing Law Advances

City council votes to send proposed charter change to voters on Nov. 5

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

After lengthy discussion, the Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night voted to put a proposed city charter amendment on the ballot that would require voter approval for some development projects.

The proposal was approved with Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and Councilmember Tony Strickland in favor and Councilmembers Natalie Moser, Rhonda Bolton

and Dan Kalmick abstaining.

The proposed charter amendment, to go to voters in the Nov. 5 general election, is as follows:

“No City initiated general plan amendment or zoning change may be approved by the City where the related environmental review (EIR) finds the same proposed general plan update or zoning change presents “significant and unavoidable” negative impacts to the environment, without first receiving approval

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TROMBONES won't be the only music or entertainment in the 120th Huntington Beach 4th of July parade on Thursday (Orange County Tribune photo).

Parade, contests, fireworks to light up Huntington Beach

An estimated half-million people are expected to attend Huntington Beach's 120th Fourth of July event, considered “the largest Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi.”

The highlight of the event is the parade on Thursday along the city's Main Street starting at 10 a.m. The route of the procession commences at 9th Street and Pacific Coast Highway and proceeds south to Main, turning north to Clay Avenue. Main Street will be closed between Garfield Avenue and Clay.

The parade will feature classic cars, bands, floats, local elected officials and more.

There are four “grand marshals”: Kyle Schuesler

(musical), Jeff Deffenbaugh (surfing), Fiji Garcia (teen) and Robyn Wood (community).

There are other traditional events planned for the holiday.

• The Surf City Run will

be held from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday.

• Two home-decorating contests with a theme of “Through the Decades,” one city-wide (one winner from each zip code) and

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Rollercoaster didn't coast as well as it should

The “Incredicoaster” is back and running after two incidents over the weekend that idled the attraction at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim.

According to reports, the first incident on the roller coaster occurred on Saturday after 5 p.m. The ride – based on Pixar's “The Incredibles” film – was stopped on the track, strand-

ing park guests in ride “cars.” Park employees (termed “hosts and hostesses” in Disney parks) provided “guests” with umbrellas to shield them from the warm temperatures.

The roller coaster was stuck again on Sunday around 1:30 p.m. Water and umbrellas were provided to guests and no one was injured.

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by a vote of the people.” The proposed Charter Amendment should include language to the effect of “City Planning and Zoning is a local, “municipal affair,” beyond the reach of State control or interference; and City Planning and Zoning is a local activity reserved for the City and its people, and not the State.”

The proposed amendment ties in with the ongoing struggle between the city council majority and the State of California over certain housing mandates, especially the Regional Housing Developments Assessment, which would require Huntington Beach to zone for – but not necessarily – build over 13,000 new residences.

Council members and others exchanged differing views of the proposal. Councilman Dan Kalmick called it “overly broad”



COUNCILMEMBER Tony Strickland.

and Bolton doubted that such an amendment would indeed protect “local control,” saying “It’s an illusion. What are we really giving the people?”

City Attorney Michael Gates said the state requirements would end up requiring 41,000 units; Burns described the proposed amendment as an effort to resist “the tyrannical influence of the state and Governor [Gavin] Newsom.”

The next meeting of the council is set for Tuesday, July 16.

July 4 parade

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another along the parade route on Main Street.

- A fireworks show will commence at 9 p.m. at the city pier. All beach viewing is open to the public, with limited paid tickets for reserved seating on the pier. Early entry tickets are \$42 and general admission at \$32.

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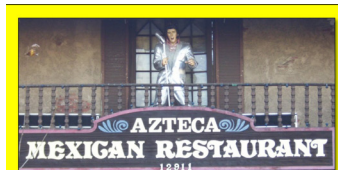
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News & Views

Finally, it looks like a real live downtown now

The eagle ... or more likely, a labradoodle ... has landed.

As I compose this, I have just arrived home from a couple of hours on Main Street in downtown Garden Grove. And as a long time local resident, I am happy as a clam.

Myself and Shadow, the

wonder dog, dined outdoors in the perfect California sunshine.

All around us was a bustle of commerce and community.

It was Sunday, the farmer's market was in full swing, with folks shopping for fruits and vegetables as well as less organic – still valuable – items such as a yarn-covered facial tissue box in the style of the Angels baseball team (that's what I bought).

All the eateries were serving people at a steady pace. At Phuc Long, the coffee and pastry place across the street, came the cries and cheers of people watching international soccer action.

Where I (we) was (were) at Kaye's Kitchen, we saw a virtual United Nations of diners up and down the street. We had white folks, Asians, Hispanics, mixed-race couples, etc. I think I may have also spotted a Babylonian.

Several of them had dogs, all sizes and breeds (or mixed breed) present, begging for food or lapping up water from bowls provided by the eateries.

Music – not too loud – was in the background. Hungry people waited patiently for an opening at the "parklets" at Azteca, Louie's, The Wharf, etc. There was no parking available in the west lot.

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Retorts

Jim Tortolano



TREE FIRE on Barber Street in Westminster Sunday was quickly extinguished by Orange County Fire Authority crews (OCFA photo).

Westminster tree fire knocked out by OCFA

A blaze that broke out in Westminster around 4 p.m. Sunday was quickly knocked down by firefighters.

According to the Orange County Fire Authority, the fire began in cypress trees and was starting to extend to the garage of a home in the 14000 block of Barber St., south of Westminster Boulevard, west of Springdale Street.

There were no injuries and OCFA firefighters were assisted by units from the Huntington Beach Fire Department.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

"Mario Bros." film screens on July 12

The first of the "Movies Under Stars" in Stanton will be "The Super Mario Bros. Movie," to be screened on Friday, July 12 at Stanton Central Park.

Other films are "Elemental" on July 19, "Trolls: Band Together" on July 26 and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" on Aug. 2.

Those planning to attend these free events are encouraged to bring their chairs and blankets as well as snacks.

No July 6 Tribune

In observance of the Independence Day holiday weekend, The Tribune will not publish an e-newspaper on Saturday, July 6.

We will continue to post to our website during that time.

We'll return to our regular publishing schedule on Wednesday, July 10.

Man fatally shot in SA on Sunday

An investigation is underway in the murder of 20-year-old Santa Ana man.

According to SAPD, on Sunday at about 12:28 a.m., police received reports of a shooting in the area of Bristol Street and Memory Lane. Responding officers found Fernando Manuel Lopez lying in the southbound lanes of Bristol Street suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his upper torso.

Orange County Fire Authority units pronounced him dead at the scene.

No motive has been established. Homicide detectives are seeking to identify and find more witnesses to the incident.

Anyone with information about the case are asked to call the SAPD Homicide Section detectives at (714) 245-8390.

Adult ed is recognized

Garden Grove Adult Education was recognized recently with a Promising Practice Award for fostering a supportive learning environment and excellence in its new student orientation.

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Over 600 students took the most recent survey and 100 percent said they felt welcomed at the school's orientation. GGAE also saw a 30 percent increase from last year in the number of students who reported successful employment and earnings after completing the program.

NewsUpdate

“Hush Money” Sentencing Postponed

Does high court ruling give Donald Trump exoneration?

The sentencing of former president Donald Trump for his convictions in the “hush money” trial has been postponed at least until Sept. 18 after the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling on presidential immunity. Pronouncement of the sentence on Trump, who was convicted on 34 felony counts related to falsification of legal documents in connection with

paying money to a former porn star to remain silent on their relationship in order to protect his political future, was originally set for July 11. But Trump and his defense team arguing that the high court ruling – which gives the president “absolute” immunity in his capacity as chief executive, but none for private acts – exonerates him.



DID THE ‘IMMUNITY’ ruling affect the “hush money” trial? (AP photo).

Biden will push back after a rocky debate



PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN (Shutterstock).

Seeking to “turn the page” after his shaky debate performance against Donald Trump last week, President Joe Biden plans to hold a press conference, meet with Democratic party leaders and conduct a televised interview within the next few days.

Rep. Lloyd Dogget (D-Texas) on Tuesday became the first Democrat in Congress to say that Biden should end his campaign for re-election. The polls in the aftermath of the debate are muddled. The latest Fox News poll has Biden ahead of Trump by 50

to 48 percent, while the Morning Consult has Trump leading 44-43 percent. Polling by Ispis-Reuters “testing” how other Democrats would fare against Trump showed Trump defeating them all, except for Michelle Obama, who outpaced Trump by 50-39.

Rudy Giuliani is disbarred from being an attorney

Rudolph “Rudy” Giuliani, once lauded as “America’s Mayor,” was disbarred Tuesday from practicing law in the state of New York. The ruling was from a Manhattan appeals court. It followed the suspension of his law license in 2021. He was sanctioned for “repeatedly making false statements” about former president Donald

Trump’s election loss in 2020. The court said that he had “flagrantly misused his position” and “baselessly attacked and undermined the integrity of this country’s electoral process, for which he is entirely unrepentant.” A spokesman for Giuliani called the ruling “objectively flawed” and promised an appeal.

It’s getting warmer in West OC

It’s T-shirts and shorts time in our West Orange County area as things heat up, weather-wise. The daytime high will climb from 84 on Wednesday to 87 on Saturday. Overnight lows will also ascend, from 65 to 68. Skies will remain partly cloudy all week.

High court won’t hear rapid-gun case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to hear an appeal on Illinois state laws that prohibit the sale of rapid-fire assault weapons such as the AR-15 to civilians. The vote was 7-2 with

Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissenting. The Illinois law in question bans the sale of semiautomatic rifles and pistols as well as large capacity magazines.



Arts & Living

More Minion Mayhem in 'Despicable 4'

Cute bits, not too much originality in this series

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

Should a review of a “Despicable Me” movie be a thoughtful analysis or just a list of the funny stuff the Minions do in it? As much as I might believe in the value of film criticism, I kind of suspect that even the finest points of assessment would be dismantled about as fast as a Minion can say “Bello!”

Since they first emerged in the original “Despicable Me” in 2010, the Minions have marauded through movie theaters with impunity, soaking up some \$4.6 billion in ticket sales and spawning a franchise that with its latest entry, “Despicable Me 4,” and counting the multiplying “Minions” spinoffs, numbers six movies and counting.

Along the way, they’ve accumulated bits of vocabulary from around the globe to add to their gibberish squeals. In “Despicable Me 4,” I heard “antipasti,” “bazooka” and something that sounded a little like the old “Goonies” line: “Hey you guys!”

So the Minions continue to evolve even if the movies don’t. Six films in and with more on the way, too much of a good thing is becoming more of a pressing question in “Despicable Me 4,” a silly and breezy installment from Illumination Entertainment that passes by with about as much to remember it as a Saturday morning cartoon.

That’s not all bad. Much of what makes the “Despicable Me” movies fun is that they avoid any sense of seriousness like the plague. They stand proudly in the Looney Tunes realm of animation, with little aim beyond loosely stitching slapstick sequences together. There’s a good chance you might cry during a Pixar movie, but if



“DESPICABLE ME 4” has some familiar goofy comforts (Universal Pictures).

Movie Review

you wept during a “Despicable Me” movie, someone might call for help.

For “Despicable Me 4,” which opens in theaters July 3, the filmmakers have, as if unsure about where to go next, smashed four or five sequel plotlines together. The film starts with a school reunion — the Lycée Pas Bon School of Villainy Class of ‘85 — where Gru encounters an old rival, Maxime le Mal (Will Ferrell), a French-accented cockroach-obsessed villain.

Gru is attending, though, as an agent for the Anti-Villain League. (One hopes there is somewhere an Antihero League led by Travis Bickle and Walter White.) Gru traps Maxime and arrests him, but in short order, Maxime breaks out of prison and vows revenge on Gru, sending their family — wife Lucy (Kristen Wiig), and their three adopted children, Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (Dana Gaier), and Agnes (Madison Po-

lan) — into witness protection.

This gives the movie a few jokes about Gru, who may be a family man now but who still has the bearing of a supervillain, trying to blend in. He tries to impress their next-door neighbor, a snobbish country club member named Perry Prescott (Stephen Colbert). But there’s also a new character at home: baby Gru Jr.

That allows for some decent gags — the Minions, dressed like a race car pit team, help change dirty diapers with t-shirt gun — but overly familiar ones. Gru Jr. is crawling in the footsteps of another child born into an atypical family with a big-torso’ed, spindly-legged father: Jack-Jack of “The Incredibles 2.”

That may be why “Despicable Me 4” also quickly moves on from this narrative, shifting for a time into a heist movie. Gru is blackmailed by the Prescott daughter Poppy (Joey King) into stealing a honey badger from his old school. Meanwhile, the Minions, back at AVL headquarters, are used as guinea pigs for a new serum. Five

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of them are turned into the Mega Minions, a Fantastic Four-like assemblage of Minion-ized superheroes that have powers (flight, elasticity, a ray-gun eyeball) that they’re predictably useless at controlling. One boulder-shaped Minion is keen enough to swallow a bomb before it detonates but not to prevent his belch from causing just as much damage.

So, yes, it will take a lot more than a so-so sixth film to slow down the Minions. Though there’s little that distinguishes this latest, overstuffed “Despicable Me,” series veteran director Chris Renaud (with co-director Patrick Delage and writers Mike White and Ken Daurio) are in something between cruise control and autopilot on this careening, carefree sequel.

The “Despicable Me” movies have always benefitted from the somewhat judiciously meting out their Minions. Even if they very handily upstage the franchise’s

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TheSportsPages

Just wait: the Pac-2 will grow into a Pac-12

The Pac-12, as we know it, winked out Sunday at midnight. The 10 teams that left the once-powerful power conference, famous for USC football and UCLA basketball are all gone chasing huge TV money.

The teams that vamoosed have been removed from the pac-12.com website. Left behind is the “Pac-2,” composing of Washington State and Oregon State, the Cougars and the Beavers.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

The bad news is, of course, that you can't really have a competitive college athletic conference of two. The good news is that when the deportees left, they left behind all the money in the Pac-12 coffers, and if it's anything that big-time college athletics programs cherish, it's money.

To be considered a front-line football school, a conference must have a minimum of eight institutions, leaving room for six recruits.

For now, the Cougars and Beavers are undergoing a “trial marriage” with the Mountain West Conference, a group that does have some on-the-bubble programs. Last year, the MWC had four teams with nine wins: UNLV, Air Force, Wyoming and Fresno State. San Jose State and Boise State had eight wins.

None of them, however, made the final AP or AFCA (coaches) Top 25. The closest were Oregon State, Air Force, Fresno State, Boise State, Wyoming and UNLV, grouped the “Others receiving votes” category.

But that's pretty good, isn't it? A pretty good showing with lots of room to grow.

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Is Mike To Play in July?



MIKE TROUT feels he is making enough progress that he expects to be back in the lineup by late July (Angels photo).

That's his hope, and those of Angels' backers

By Joe Reedy
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM (AP) — Mike Trout repeatedly said he doesn't have a timetable for his return. However, the Los Angeles Angels slugger did admit he would be disappointed if he wasn't playing by the end of July.

“Oh yeah, I'll be back before that,” Trout said Saturday before the Angels hosted the Detroit Tigers. “I'm not putting like, an exact timetable on it, but once I do all the tests and I can run, hit and throw, I'll be out there.

“I'm happy where I'm at right now. It makes me relieved not to feel (any consistent pain).”

Trout hasn't played since April 29 after an MRI exam confirmed he had torn meniscus in his left knee. The three-time AL MVP then had surgery on May 3.

When Trout had surgery, the initial timeline was six to eight weeks. The recovery though has

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Dodgers rally to win; Halos can't

Late rallies paid off for one team, but not for another.

The **Los Angeles Dodgers** scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to post a 6-5 walkoff win Tuesday over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The **Los Angeles Angels** scored two in the seventh and ninth innings but it wasn't enough as they lost 7-5 to the A's in Oakland.

At Dodger Stadium, the Blue Crew trailed 3-2 going into the bottom of the seventh when Shohei Ohtani hit a two-run home run — his 27th round-tripper of the season — to give the team a 4-3 lead.

The D-backs retook the lead with solo runs in the eighth and ninth, but the Dodgers staged their rally with two out as Freddie Freeman doubled in Will Smith and Teo Hernandez singled in Freeman with the winning run.

With the win, the Dodgers are 53-33 and lead the National League West by 8.5 games.

Up in Oakland, the Angels suffered their second straight loss after winning six in a row. The A's built a 7-1 lead after six innings, but the Orange County team staged two rallies to make

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	47-40	.540	—	3-7
Houston	43-42	.506	3	8-2
Texas	39-46	.459	7	4-6
ANGELS	36-48	.429	9.5	7-3
Oakland	31-56	.356	16	3-7

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	53-33	.616	—	7-3
San Diego	46-43	.517	8.5	7-3
San Fran.	42-44	.488	11	6-4
Arizona	41-44	.482	11.5	4-6
Colorado	29-56	.34	23.5	3-7

A late July return for Mike Trout?

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gone slower than initially expected.

Trout is jogging and working out on a treadmill as well as playing catch. He hasn't started running or taking swings.

"I'm itching to hit. I feel like if I went into the cage and took some swings I would be pain-free," Trout said. "I think the

biggest thing for me is actually the running part, but we have to build up to that."

It remains to be determined if Trout would need a rehab stint once he is ready to go.

This is the fourth straight season Trout has dealt with a major injury.

He played in only 36 games during the 2021 season due to a strained calf. In 2022, he was sidelined for five weeks with a back injury.

Last season, Trout broke a bone in a hand on a foul ball during a game in San Diego on July 3. He tried to return in August, but played in only one game.

Trout has played in only 266 games and missed 302 since the start of the 2021 season.

The Angels recently won a season-high five straight games. Despite their two highest-paid players being out of the lineup for the past two months, the Halos have gone 14-10 in June after a tough start to the season.

One of the keys to the June surge has been Luis Rengifo,

who leads the American League with a .315 batting average.

After going 7-21 at home the first two months, the Angels are 10-4 at The Big A in June.

"I'm pleased with the progress that we've made with these young kids, and I'm more than certain they're pleased with it too," manager Ron Washington said. "You can see that by the way they about their business. We're getting there, but we're not there yet."

Trout and Anthony Rendon

have been in the same lineup in only 118 games out of 568 since 2021 (20.8%).

Rendon has missed 61 games with a hamstring injury that happened in late April. The \$245 million third baseman is expected to face live pitching next week and could be back in the lineup when the Angels return home on July 8 after a trip to Oakland and Seattle. Rendon has played in only 167 games since the start of the 2021 season.

Dodgers ride a rally to a win but Halos end up falling short

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it close.

Leadoff batter Nolan Schanuel had the best night for the Angels, going 4-for-4 – including a double – and driving in four runs.

Logan O'Hoppe singled and walked.

The loss went to Jose Soriano (4-6) who was tagged for three hits – including two home runs – and four runs in four innings. He struck out four and walked one.

With the loss, the Halos are 36-48 and in fourth place in the American League West.



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Retorts: Time for downtowns

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For years, far-sighted people have worked to create a true downtown that could become the “living room” for the city,

“Despicable Me 4”

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main characters, they’re second-banana henchmen who patiently wait for their many cameos. In “Despicable Me 4,” one gets trapped in a vending machine and nonchalantly spends the rest of the movie there. If that’s not a show of force, what is?

“Despicable Me 4,” a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for action and rude humor. Running time: 95 minutes.

where folks of all backgrounds could gather and relax.

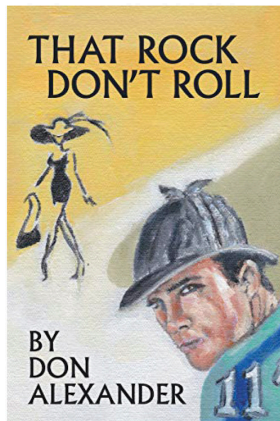
We have finally arrived at it, sort of. There’s still a lot of work to be done. There always is. But as someone who grew up not far away and watched the city’s central business district rise and fall and rise again to see the state of affairs there now is cheering.

Stanton and Westminster have struggled to create – or recreate – their downtowns and it hasn’t been easy. But the end result is worth it, and you would see it if you were there on a midday Sunday on Main.

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The re-birth of the Pac-12

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I can imagine a 12-team conference, north and south with OSU, WSU, San Jose State, Air Force, Wyoming and Boise State in the north and San Diego State, Fresno State, UNLV and perhaps – for geographical balance – New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado State in the South.

That’s a “new” Pac-12 that includes some programs with respectable recent success and a conference name that has more cachet than Mountain West.

I know, doesn’t yet sound “big league,” but neither did the

original “Pacific Coast Conference” when it got started in 1915. It wasn’t always “The Conference of Champions.”



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